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- 25X1C 1. a. A train carrying 48 tanks and 5 trucks arrived in TEMPLIN (N 54/U 81) and proceeded to HANTELSPRING (N 54/U 81), where it was unloaded at night. The train had come from the direction of EBERSWALDE (N 53/V 08).

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- b. The restricted area of the troop training grounds had been extended as far as BURGALL (N 54/U 70).

More than thirty thousand troops were said to be located in the troop camps in this area. New troops were arriving daily. Two tank generals and one artillery general were allegedly staying with the troops.

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2. a. The KANNENBURG area was strictly guarded. About 80 T 54 and JS tanks were observed on the edge of the woods near the "Kannenburger Schleuse" (lock). More tanks were seen at a farther distance.

The fire of tanks and artillery pieces was heard from the direction of the training area.

- b. The following moved into the tank camp near the "Kannenburger Schleuse":

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c. The BARTLSBERG town sector located west of the railroad line had recently been evacuated by the German population.

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3. a. The following observations were made in the REIPLIN area between 1 and 10 September 1949:

REIPLIN and vicinity: About 200 heavy JS 122 and Tschuka tanks.

KAMMERBURG area: About 100 tanks.

AMLMESMUEHLE area About 50 tanks and 50 self-propelled guns. (N 54/U 91):

Twenty-eight rocket launchers and about seventy antitank guns of about 50 mm caliber were also seen in the training area. All observed tanks had radio installations and revolving turrets.

b. The tanks observed near AMLMESMUEHLE were parked at a former German improvised airfield. Large-scale wood cutting was done in this area. The tank and artillery firing range being constructed in this area was said to be 6 by 12 1/2 miles.

c. Tanks participating in the BARTEL (N 54/U 71) - BOEDLIN (N 54/U 81) area and later on also in the area of AMLMESMUEHLE - DOULLEKRUIG (about 9 miles southeast of REIPLIN) had been detrained in REIPLIN and were also entrained there upon completion of the field exercises. *

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Comment:

indicates that component units of both the 6th Gds Recz Div (Cadre) and the 25th Tank Div (Cadre) and Hq units of the Fourth Gds Recz Army (Cadre) were still holding their summer maneuvers in the REIPLIN training area up to 10 September 1949.

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of the 12th Gds Tank Div were also sporadically seen in this area. In view of the two cadre divisions and army Hq units practicing in the REIPLIN area, the reported number of thirty thousand troops is considered too high.

- * The troops arriving in the REIPLIN area are believed to have come from military posts. At any rate it is assumed that troops have alternated in going to the REIPLIN training area during the period of the maneuvers.

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